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SUBJECT: LPRP NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON THAI-KAMPUCHEAN BORDER
CLASHES

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1. THE LPRP DAILY NEWSPAPER "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE"
AUGUST 5 PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE REGARDING THAI-CAMBODIAN
BORDER CLASHES. THE ARTICLE, THE FIRST PUBLIC LAO
REACTION TO THE CLASHES SAID IN PART:

2. "FOR THE PAST TWO TO THREE DAYS, BANGKOK RADIO ...
HAS BEEN CLAIMING NON-STOP THAT KAMPUCHEAN TROOPS ATTACKED
THAILAND. BUT ACCORDING TO THE FACTS, SINCE KAMPUCHEA
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WAS LIBERATED AND BECAME DEMOCRATIC IN 1975, THE
KAMPUCHEAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HAVE TRIED TO DO
THEIR DUTY IN PROTECTING AND BUILDING THEIR COUNTRY
AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED A NON-ALIGNED
FOREIGN POLICY. THEREFORE, CAMBODIA DID NOT PRO-
VOKE THAILAND."

3. "AS WE HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME, THE GROUP THAT SEIZED POWER IN THAILAND HAS FOLLOWED THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS' PLAN IN ACTING AS AN ENEMY TOWARD KAMPUCHEA AND TOWARD LAOS, SPECIFICALLY, THEY HAVE RECENTLY INITIATED AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND MILITARILY PROVOKED CAMBODIA AND LAOS IN A BRAZEN MANNER. ALL THE BALLYHOO ON THE THAI RADIO IS JUST A CASE OF A THIEF CRYING 'STOP THIEF'."

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" CARRIED AN EDITORIAL AUGUST 5 STRONGLY ATTACKING THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES (SEPTTEL) AND ALSO CARRIED A VOPT REPORT WHICH CLAIMED THAT CPT FORCES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1977 "KNOCKED OUT 1,945 REACTIONARY THAI SOLDIERS."

5. COMMENT: AS ASEAN LEADERS MEET IN KUALA LUMPUR, THE LAO PROPAGANDISTS APPEAR TO CONCENTRATE ON THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES (REFTEL).
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